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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 16-19 are pending. Claims 16-19 stand rejected.

Priority Certification

Applicants filed a claim to right of foreign priority on September 28, 2001.

Copies of the Claim To Right of Priority and three pages of the certified copy of the priority document for JP 2000-163811 and a returned stamped postcard are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of this priority document.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 16-19 have been rejected as being obvious in view of Knee and Cragun.

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome for reasons set forth below.

Claim 16 has been amended to include features which are not anticipated or suggested by the cited references, namely:

- (f) tuning the video receiver using the assigned arbitrary channel number stored in step (c) and matched in step (e);
- **the assigned arbitrary channel number is related only to the keyword and is not related to a broadcast channel number.**

Basis for amended claim 16 may be found in the specification, for example, at page 17, lines 1-21. As described, when a user selects a channel by operating his remote controller, the remote controller receiving section obtains a keyword that has been assigned to the selected channel. This keyword is input to the program

information storage section, which then retrieves program information in accordance with this keyword. If a desired program is being broadcast, the program information storage section obtains a broadcast channel number, and inputs that broadcast channel number to the video receiver control section for tuning to that broadcast channel.

For example, when Channel 3 on the remote controller is selected, keyword information "baseball" is obtained by the remote controller receiving section and "baseball" is input to the program information storage section. A desired program relating to "baseball" is then obtained by tuning to a specific broadcast channel (for example Channel 57) that is broadcasting baseball.

As described in the specification, for example, at page 18, lines 2-5, the user may classify broadcast programs by using a keyword and may **virtually create broadcast channels**, through which only the programs selected by the user are **apparently broadcast**.

The invention, as recited in claim 16, now advantageously provides that a video receiver may be tuned using an **assigned arbitrary channel number**, where the assigned arbitrary channel number is **related only to the keyword**, and is **not related to a broadcast channel number**.

The Office Action, at page 8, states that the Knee reference teaches assigning arbitrary channel numbers (at column 6, lines 14-18). Applicants have reviewed Knee, at column 6, lines 14-18, and submit that Knee discloses a remote controller for selecting, as an example, Channel 2. The receiver then tunes to Channel 2 to receive the broadcast. **Thus, Knee discloses a channel number that is directly related to a broadcast channel number**.

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Knee does not disclose, however, tuning a video receiver using an assigned arbitrary channel number, **where the assigned arbitrary channel number is related only to the keyword and is not related to the broadcast channel number.** The tuner selection by the user, as disclosed by Knee, is completely different from the invention, as now recited in claim 16.

As previously discussed in the Response to the Office Action, dated November 20, 2003, Kragun teaches inputting keywords by allowing a viewer to input one or more keywords which are used as search parameters. Kragun, however, does **not** disclose several features of amended claim 16. For example, step (b) of **assigning any arbitrary television channel number of a remote controller to a keyword** is **not** disclosed by Kragun. Furthermore, Kragun does **not** disclose step (d) of amended claim 16, namely **searching for broadcast program information, based on the user selecting the assigned arbitrary television channel number on the remote controller.** Moreover, Kragun does **not** disclose step (f) of tuning a video receiver **using the assigned arbitrary channel number.** Furthermore, Kragun does **not** disclose the newly added feature of **the assigned arbitrary channel number is related only to the keyword and is not related to the broadcast channel number.**

At a minimum, the combination of Knee and Kragun does not suggest, the features of tuning a video receiver using an assigned arbitrary channel number where the assigned arbitrary channel number is related only to the keyword and is not related to a broadcast channel number. These features are not disclosed by Knee or Kragun, either singly or in combination. Therefore, the combination cannot obviate claim 16.

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Although not the same, claim 19 has been amended to include features similar to amended claim 16. Claim 19 is, therefore, not subject to rejection in view of the cited references for the same reasons set forth for amended claim 16.

Claims 17-18 depend from amended claim 16 and are, therefore, not subject to rejection, in view of the cited references for at least the same reasons set forth for amended claim 16. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Claims 16-19 are in condition for allowance.

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